

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **September 13, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 15

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Central Virginia Community Services Board Request Regarding Change of Fiscal Agent**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Central Virginia Community Services Board to serve as its own fiscal agent to receive state and federal funding directly from the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse.

SUMMARY: Starting in 1969, as each Community Services Board was created, one of the participating governing bodies of each Board was agreed upon and designated to be the fiscal agent to receive state and federal funding for distribution to the Community Services Board. Since 1970, the City of Lynchburg has served as the fiscal agent for the Central Virginia Community Services Board. During the last General Assembly, action was taken to allow Community Services Boards to receive state and federal funds directly from the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse. The Central Virginia Community Services Board is now requesting that the City authorize it to serve as the fiscal agent to receive state and federal funding.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: Will eliminate accounting work for the Financial Services Department.

CONTACT(S): Augustine Fagan 847-8050

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution; August 1, 2005 Request

REVIEWED BY: lkp

Resolution:

WHEREAS, since 1970, the City of Lynchburg has served as the fiscal agent to receive state and federal funding for the Central Virginia Community Services Board; and

WHEREAS, during the last General Assembly, action was taken to allow Community Services Boards to receive this funding directly; and

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Community Services Board has requested that the City authorize it to receive state and federal funding from the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lynchburg City Council does hereby authorize the Central Virginia Community Services Board to serve as the fiscal agent to receive state and federal funding from the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse.

Adopted:

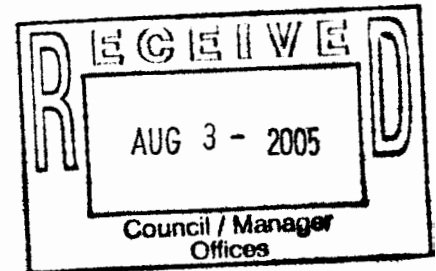
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Clerk of Council

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August 1, 2005

Mr. Kimball Payne, City Manager
City of Lynchburg
900 Church Street
Lynchburg, Va. 24501



Dear Mr. Payne:

Starting in 1969, as each Community Services Board was created, one of the participating governing bodies of each Board was agreed upon and designated to be the fiscal agent to receive state and federal funding for distribution to the CSB. For Central Virginia CSB, the City of Lynchburg was so designated in 1970. The CSB system was in its infancy then and the purpose of a fiscal agent was to provide accountability.

Initially, CSBs were funded only with state, local, and federal funds, but the CSB system and individual board operations have grown tremendously since then and fee collection for services (mostly Medicaid) is now the main source of income for most Boards. The General Assembly, in action taken in the past session, decided to allow CSBs to receive this funding directly.

Section 37.1-198

" In the case of operating boards, the Department may, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, distribute state and federal funds directly to the operating board, when that operating board is authorized by the governing body of each city or county that established it to receive such funds."

Central Virginia Community Services Board requests that each locality now authorize it to receive state and federal funding directly from the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse. This will eliminate accounting work for the Finance Department of the City of Lynchburg and will affect the other five localities only by where their contributions will be sent in the

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future. We want to express our sincere appreciation to the City of Lynchburg for the smooth working relationship that has existed for the past 35 years.

By signing below, please indicate your locality's agreement to this designation as authorized by action of your City Council or Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Augustine Fagan,
Executive Director

City or County Manager Signature

Date_____